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THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

- 1. The designation l'inisterium fuer Nationale Streitkraefte (Ministry for Mational Forces) is still unofficial. The designation Ministerium des Innern (Ministry of the Interior) is to be retained for security reasons until at least 1 January 1953. Accordingly, it must be distinguished between the Ministry of the Interior/A which is the Ministry for National Forces and the Ministry of the Interior/B which is the Interior Ministry directed by State Secretary Hans Warnke .
- 2. Strict secrecy is enforced in all epartments of Hinistry A. On 24 July 1952, the entire personnel of the main financial administration had to sign an affidavit demanding that all persons be reported who spread rumors regarding the Ministry for National Forces.
- 3. The employees of the ministry A had to sign up for a period of one year of service.
- the budget of the new ministry for the period from I only to 31 December 1952 indicating a total sum of 7,100,000 eastmarks includes 3,500,000 eastmarks in salaries for about 750 employees and officials and 1,500,000 eastmarks for the purchase of 100 new sedans. About 100 employees are to be taken over from the "inistry for Home Affairs/B. (1)
- 5. An additional 700,00 eastmarks, . budgeted as Forschungsauftraege (research orders) were personally handed to Minister Willi Steph in the form of a non--negotiáble check. (2)
- 6, In June and July 1952, 110,000 eastmarks were paid in salaries. The amount budgeted for the purchase of motor vehicles was not spent. The entire amount of 700,000 eastmarks was entered as one sum. A total of 185,000 eastmarks excluding the 700,000 eastmarks was spent for June and July 1952. (3)
- 7. The department for research of the Ministry A is located at 16 Schoenholzerstrasse, Berlin-Pankow, Karl Lucke who received training in Moscow is allegedly chief of this department. He also administers the 700,000 eastmarks placed at the disposal of Minister Stoph. The department has about 50 employees and is scheduled to start work in mid-August 1952. (4)

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